## TOWN OF GOSHEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## MINUTES – Regular Meeting Town Hall Conference Room

**December 15, 2015** 

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Dexter S. Kinsella, Steven M. Romano

OTHERS: Allan Walker, Cindy Barrett

Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

<u>IN A MOTION</u> made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting. Voted unanimous.

# MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES: NONE

<u>IN A MOTION</u> made by Steven M. Romano, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was <u>VOTED</u> to approve the warrant and payroll of December 17, 2015 in the amount of \$52,032.31. It was noted included in the payroll and warrant was the payroll in the amount of \$10,294.37 and the warrant in the amount of \$41,737.94. Voted unanimous. Items contained in this warrant showed expenses for CIRMA - \$18,172; MIRA \$6,715.22; USA Hauling \$7416.36 (recycling contract).

### PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

#### FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Bob Valentine has reported that Chuck Fennimore, maintenance contractor for Camp Cochipianee, has submitted his resignation, having taken a position with another firm. An application for a new contractor has been distributed, with three (3) applicants having been received. A search committee will be assembled with the goal of a recommendation being brought back to the Recreation Commission.

The monthly staff meeting for Town Hall employees held this week was well attended. Very productive reports were shared by each department.

Bob Valentine attended the monthly meeting of Northwest Hills Council of Governments last week, wherein the State budget was discussed. He noted that while very little would affect Goshen overall, Regional Schools budgets would be affected by a reduction in transportation grants.

Bob Valentine reported that Lisa Lynch, Director of Primetime House, Inc. presented an opportunity for the town of Goshen to participate in programs in 2016 designating the month of May as *Mental Health Awareness Month*. The month of May will highlight the many programs offered at Primetime House, Inc. that support the clients and families that struggle with mental health issues. Primetime House is hoping that each of the surrounding municipalities will conduct a fund raiser event that will raise \$1000. The municipalities can reach out to their local service clubs and organizations such as the Boy Scouts, local churches, to conduct perhaps a tag sale, or silent auction, etc.

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Bob Valentine announced that building of the new budget for 2016-2017 will commence soon. The building process will follow the same steps as in the previous year using budget worksheets, review by the Board of Selectmen, suggested adjustments, presented to the Board of Finance.

The roof project for Region 6 School district, it was explained, will be done when several bonds are retired. New bonding will commence for the roof project, but will not raise the overall bonding level amount.

Bob Valentine will be working with Jim Mersfelder, Woodridge Lake Sewer District, to apply for a STEAP grant to help with the cost of addressing the sewer needs of the District.

The Goshen Town Meeting for the granting of the easements and well rights located on 29 and 31 Lake Shore Drive for the town of Goshen and Richard Cardillo, trustee for Marie-Elena C. Zampini, took place on Monday, December 14, 2015. Said easements and well rights were granted as voted upon therein.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>: Bob Valentine send a card to Charles Rowland, Director of the WAMOGO Vocational Agricultural Department, to thank him and his students for their contributing a large wreath that hangs over the entrance to town hall and a lovely poinsettia plant for the First Selectman's office.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE** 

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE** 

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Steven Romano reported that the scoreboard (located at the Goshen Center School) has some of the lights out rendering the board with half-lit numbers, etc. He e-mailed Principal Keilty questioning the ownership of the scoreboard in that either the town owns it under the Recreation Department or Region 6 owns it. Fran O'Dell, Director of Maintenance at Region 6, has offered to repair it if the controls can be located. When ownership is confirmed, appropriate repairs can be made.

<u>IN A MOTION</u> made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Steven M. Romano, it was <u>VOTED</u> to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide